GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA

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INQUIRY INTO REQUIREMENTS OF DEFENCE PURCHASES
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Ministry of Defence is making purchases without assessing its actual requirement as brought out in the report by CAG for the year ending March 31, 1996; and;

(b) if so, whether the Government enquired into the matter and taken measures to check the recurrence of the same and to proceed against the officials responsible for wreckless purchases?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) & (b): The purchase of equipment and stores in the three Services is a continuous process and is based on requirements as approved in the Annual Provision Review. A well-defined procedure exists in the Ministry of Defence for dealing with the urgent, operational requirements of the Armed Forces. In order to further streamline the procedures, a Committee has been set up under the Chairmanship of Vice Chief of Army Staff to examine the existing Defence Procurement Procedures in their entirety with a view to suggest specific measures for speedier processing of procurement cases. No case of any unnecessary purchases has been noticed or reported to the Ministry. All the purchases are being made in accordance with the prescribed rules/regulations/procedures and procurements are finalized after getting due approval of the competent authorities.